



# iPS Academia Japan Grant

## Prospectus

Ever since the discovery of iPS cells over 10 years ago, numerous research results have been produced and reported around the world, including methods for reprogramming iPS cells, inducing differentiation, and isolation and purification of iPS cells. The first human clinical trial of retinal pigment epithelium cells derived from iPS cells was conducted in Japan in 2014. Japan has been leading the world with experiments using disease iPS cells to elucidate the pathogenesis of intractable diseases and to discover novel therapeutic candidates for intractable diseases, and research activities in the field of iPS cells are continuously expanding rapidly.

In the fiscal year of 2018, our company established the "iPS Academia Japan Grant" to commemorate its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. This grant is intended to contribute to the advancement and development of the iPS cell field and to provide grants to young researchers currently active in this field. iPS cell technology is one of the epoch-making research results that originated in our country that has the potential for widespread practical application in the field of healthcare, and further research is expected.

We hope that the "iPS Academia Japan Grant" will support research activities in the iPS cell field by the recipients of the grant while encouraging creative research by young researchers.

President & CEO  
iPS Academia Japan, Inc.



## FY 2020 iPS Academia Japan Grant

### Application Guideline

#### Version 2

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## 1. Objective

The objective of this program is to support outstanding researchers and further spread iPS cell technology by providing financial aid to the research activities of young researchers who are willing to engage in highly creative basic and/or applied research in the iPS cell field at universities and public research institutes in Japan and those who are expected to achieve outstanding results.

## 2. Target research field

Basic and/or applied research in Japan in the iPS cell field (iPS CELL TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY THEREOF)

## 3. Eligibility

1) Applicants must belong to a Japanese university or a public research and development organization and must be engaged in research and development in the target research field

2) Applicants must be either,

(i) Born on or after April 2, 1980 (Foreign nationality is allowed)\*1

Or,

(ii) Under 45 years of age and must be within 5 years after receiving a degree (As of April 1, 2020) (Foreign nationality is allowed) \*1

\* 1: Those who have taken maternity leave or childcare leave may add the total period taken to the age of eligibility or to the "5 years after the completion of the degree".

To be eligible to apply, applicants must qualify for both (i) and (ii).

## 4. Amount and number of grants

2 million yen is given per grant, and about five grants will be offered.

## 5. Application Process

Please download the designated application forms (Application Form 1 (Japanese or English) and the letter of recommendation Form 2 (Japanese only)) from our company's website and fill out the necessary information. Please submit the application form by email to the following email address, with the word files and their PDF versions attached (total: 4 files). For the letter of recommendation, please scan it with the seal of the recommender. Please specify the subject of the email as "Grant application"



Application forms (word file):

- 申請書 (様式 1) Application (Form 1) (Japanese or English)
- 推薦書 (様式 2) (Letter of recommendation (Form 2) ) (Japanese only)

Contact address (Email) : [josei@ips-ac.co.jp](mailto:josei@ips-ac.co.jp)

## 6. Application Period

From September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

\* All documents must be received by us by October 30, 2020, without fail.

## 7. Selection Method

A selection committee established within our company (including members from outside) will carefully select applicants based on the application documents, taking into consideration not only the originality of the applied research subject and the future potentials of the research results, but also the applicant's past research achievements and their attitude toward research activities.

Please refrain from sending inquiries about the process and content of the selection.

## 8. Notification of Selection Results

The results will be announced on our website and will be sent by post at the beginning of January 2021

## 9. Award Ceremony and Research Presentation for Fiscal Year of 2020

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021

Place: Award Ceremony and Research Presentation will be held online.

\* We will get in touch with each Grant again about the detail.

Grant: Grants will be transferred to the account specified by the recipient.

Also, the research results of the researchers selected in the fiscal year of 2019 will be presented at the ceremony.

## 10. Obligation of Recipients

1) (Publication of research results) Where the results of supported research are to be made public, clearly state that support from "FY 2020 iPS Academia Japan Grant" has been received, and if anything is to be published, a copy thereof shall be submitted to our company.

2) (Use of grant) Recipients shall not use the grant for any purpose other than for the research activities covered by the grant. The period of use of the grant shall be from the date the result is received to the end of December 2021, and if any part is remaining, the balance shall be refunded.

3) (Research results and financial reports) Recipients shall submit the research results and financial reports to our company by the end of January 2022.

4) (Attendance and presentation at the Award Ceremony and Research Presentations for the fiscal year of 2020) Recipients shall present their research plans at the Award Ceremony and Research Presentation to be held in February 2021 (Research results of the researchers selected in the fiscal year of 2019 will also be presented at the ceremony.).

5) (Attendance and presentation at the Award Ceremony and Research Presentations in the fiscal year of 2021) Recipients shall attend the Award Ceremony and Research Presentation to be held in February 2022 and present their research results. (The final research presentations of the researchers selected in the fiscal year of 2019 and the research plans of the recipients of the fiscal year 2021 will also be presented at the ceremony.)

#### 11. Rescission and return of subsidies

If the following issues are found, the Company may request the cancellation and return of the grant.

- 1) If the submitted application contains false information.
- 2) When the research activities supported by the grant are suspended.
- 3) When the "obligations of the recipient" stated in the application guidelines for this grant are violated.
- 4) Otherwise, when the selection committee finds that it is not appropriate in accordance with the purpose of this subsidy and the description of the use of the subsidy in Q & A.

#### 12. Other

- 1) Before applying, please refer to the Q & A on FY 2020 iPS Academia Japan Grants on our company's website.
- 2) Submitted application documents will not be returned in any case.
- 3) The outline of the research, names of recipients, and the organizations which they belong to may be posted on our company's website.
- 4) Personal information obtained through applications will be handled in accordance with the Act on the Protection of Personal Information and related laws and regulations.